SUBMISSION FROM STEPHEN FRAME

- 1. I am writing to contribute to Stage 1 consideration of the Autism (Scotland) Bill. As the father of a young teenager with autism, I believe it is essential that the Bill is passed into legislation to ensure a better future for people on the autistic spectrum.
- 2. Autism is a complex condition that effects every part of the lives of those who have it. However, with the right support, people with autism are capable of leading happy and productive lives and contributing to society as a whole. With the right support, often covering multi-agencies, the cost to society of helping people with autism is greatly reduced.
- 3. As it is a complex condition, the support needed is often also complex to provide. This is whay an Autism (Scotland) Bill and an autism strategy is needed. To ensure that people on the autistic spectrum have a legislative backing to get them the support they need.
- 4. I look to the Parliament to do the right thing for people with autism and Scottish society as a whole and enact this Bill.

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